improper or erroneous action by the PAPB, the Chairman of the PAPB will direct corrective action be taken.

#### §251.6 Deviations.

Whenever strict compliance with the letter of the regulations in this part would create practical difficulties or undue hardships, the Panama Area Personnel Board may permit a deviation from these regulations. Such authority may be exercised only if the deviation is within the spirit of the regulations and the efficiency of the U.S. Government and the integrity of the Panama Canal Employment System are protected and promoted. Any deviation authorized, and the reasons therefor, shall be made a matter of record.

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# Subpart B—Compensation and Allowances Under the Panama Canal Employment System

# §251.11 Uniformity of job classification standards.

In order to assure uniform application of rates of basic compensation, job classification standards shall be uniform within and among all agencies. Any problems arising in achieving such uniformity which cannot be resolved between or among the agencies shall be referred to the PAPB for resolution. If resolution is not achieved the matter shall then be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary of the Army for decision.

## §251.12 Uniformity of compensation.

(a) The rates of basic compensation for positions and employees and the additional compensation authorized by §§ 251.31 and 251.32 shall be uniform within and among all agencies. Any problems arising in achieving such uniformity shall be referred to the PAPB for resolution. If resolution is not achieved the matter shall then be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary of the Army for decision.

(b) This section shall not preclude the adoption by agencies, under regulations issued by the PAPB, of special rate ranges or other special rates of basic pay for positions for which employees must be recruited from outside the Republic of Panama or in other appropriate circumstances. This section shall not preclude the establishment of rates of pay for employees described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section that are different than the rates established for employees described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section:

(1) A person who was employed by a department on September 30, 1979 and continued in employment with an agency without a break in service of more than three days or a person who was separated from the service of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government by reason of a reduction in force on September 30, 1979, and was appointed to a position in the Panama Canal Commission before April 1, 1980; a person who was employed on September 30, 1979, by an agency of the United States Government (other than an agency subject to this part) which since that date has had responsibility for carrying out the rights and responsibilities of the United States under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 if the person is appointed to a position under Part 253 within 90 days of terminating employment with such agency; and

(2) Anyone other than a person described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

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### §251.13 Establishment of basic wages.

Agencies that participate in the Panama Canal Employment System shall consult with each other concerning basic pay for employees and shall refer their recommendations for basic pay to the Panama Area Personnel Board. Upon approval by the Secretary of the Army or his designee of basic wage rates, the rates shall be adopted by the agencies.

### §251.21 Use of categories.

Positions in the agencies shall be grouped into the categories set forth in §§ 251.22 to 251.24.

# §251.22 Non-manual category.

Those occupational groupings which embrace administrative, clerical, technical, professional, and related occupations. This includes positions covered by Chapter 51 of Title 5, United States